

Application No. 09/582,871

Attorney Docket 065691-0196

REMARKS

Prior to this paper, claims 1-22, 24, and 25 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicants hereby cancel claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1-16, 19, 20, 24 and 25 are now pending in the application..

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons that follow.

Interviews of February 4th, 5th and 17th, 2004, and Substance of Interviews Statement

Examiner Tran is thanked for extending the courtesy of a series of telephonic interviews to Applicant's representatives on February 4th, 5th and 17th, 2004, where all of the claims were discussed, where the possible requirement of adding the term "atomizer" to the claims was discussed and where it was argued and agreed that addition of the term "atomizer" was not required to enable the claims, where it was agreed that the term "parallel" would be added in front of the term "sections" to eliminate a possible antecedent basis rejection, where it was agreed that if claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 were cancelled, the case would be allowed, and where the submittal of this paper was discussed.

Allowance is Respectfully Requested

As seen above, Applicants have cancelled claims 17, 18, 21 and 22, and amended claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to address a possible antecedent basis issue. Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance, as was agreed during the interviews of February 4 and 5, 2004.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If Applicants have not accounted for any fees required by this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If Applicants have not accounted for a required extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, that extension is requested and the corresponding fee should be charged to our Deposit Account.

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Examiner Tran is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.